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Dear Colleague:

The Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) will conduct statewide regional information meetings providing an update of important information on the current status of No Child Left Behind policy and other issues impacting teacher preparation and certification. Recent revisions to elementary and administrator certification and the "Professional Standards for Michigan Teachers," and early childhood standards will also be covered. Intermediate and local school district superintendents, public school academy officials, and private school administrators are encouraged to attend. Please share this notice with your human resources directors.

You and other interested staff are invited to attend any session that is convenient. In order to help us plan for refreshments, we do ask that you e-mail your attendance to Denise Dickenson at dickensond@michigan.gov. There is no registration fee for attendance. The update meetings are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. A total of .3 SB-CEUs will be made available to any attendee who requires them.

Maps and directions are available on our website www.michigan.gov/teachercert. All facilities are tobacco-free including parking lot and vehicles. The 2008 schedule is as follows:

Date/Time	Location	Address
October 7 (Tuesday)	Marquette-Alger RESA	321 East Ohio Marquette, MI 49855-3847
October 9 (Thursday)	University Center at Gaylord	80 Livingston Blvd. Gaylord, MI 49735
October 13 (Monday)	Genesee ISD	2413 W Maple Road Flint, MI 48507-3493
October 14 (Tuesday)	Macomb ISD	44001 Garfield Road Clinton Twp, MI 48032

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October 16 (Thursday)	Wayne RESA	33500 Van Born Road Wayne, MI 48184-0807
October 27 (Monday)	Holiday Inn-West Lansing	7501 West Saginaw St. Lansing, MI 48328-2736
October 31 (Friday)	Muskegon ISD	630 Harvey St. Muskegon, MI 49442-2398

Enclosed is a tentative agenda for your review. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is from 8:30 to 8:50 a.m.; the meeting will start at 8:50 a.m. Staff presentations will be followed by a question and answer period.

We invite you to contact us with any specific questions/issues you would like to have addressed. The staff of OPPS is looking forward to meeting and talking with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Flora L. Jenkins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Professional Preparation Services

Enclosure